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PRIMITIV STAMP KOLEKTI.N.

It iz nou óvur durti yírz sínz Sur Rouland Hil introdúst ae peni póst sistem intu Ingland, and ci invençun ov prípeliq leturz wiä stamps. Furst kém ae printed envelops wiä Britania skat-uriq leturz óvor ce wurld, and in 1840 ci ordineri wun peni stamp ov Grét Britun printed in blak, hwic egzampl woz sun folód bai ôl sivilaizd nécunz.

For meni yírz aíz repräsentativz ov valyu past bai olmóst unnótist, a fü pursunz ónli séviq ci envelops, or pést-riq a fü samplz intu óld skrap buks. About twely yírz agó komenst ae mé-nia for stamp kolektiñ, hwic interes-tiñ pursút spred amuñ ôl klasez ov pípl wiä astoniq rapiditi, óld failz ov leturz wur egzamind, and ôl pursunz haviq korespondens in foren landz wur bisjíd wiä aplikéunz for hwot had hiurrtú bin konsidurd wúrables.

For nírli a yír nô standard ov val-yé-çun woz plést on aem, kolekturz ekscénjd díplikets wiä fc uáur, for raritiz givin severul, aóz hú had ce lárjest kolekçunz (and in aóz déz tû hundred woz konsidurd a grét num-bur,) jenerali got ce best ov a bárgen. Ce póst ofis in aís siti, ae Búlevards ov Paris, and publik plésez ov rizort in uáur sitiz ov Yúrup wur krouded wiä eksaited kolekturz, fc wiä a skrap buk and a stôr ov díplikets. Evuri freç stamp içyud, or náli diskuvurd varaiiti méd ce pozesur ce hírò ov ce dé. Sun aoz hu had les fasilitiz for obténij stamps ofurd muni for hwot aé won-ted and ci fra ov spekyuléçun bigan, aúz ópniñ a wé for stamp dilurz. (Óz hu had konfidenz in ce biznez rapidli akúmúléted forcúnz; amuñ ae furst Yúropfanz ov nót wur Yng & Stokòl ov Livurpúl; Staford Smis & Smis ov Bas; J. B. Móenz ov Bruselz; Pier

Máhi, A. Móri and Madam Nikolé ov Paris; in aís kuntri Jon Béli ov aís siti, and J. A. Nutur ov Montriòl.

In aís siti about elevn yírz agó ce stail woz tu hav ce stamps takt on a bôrd, hwic wud hardli sút ce mór fastidius kolekturz ov ae present aé. Dér woz aen but litl regyulariti ov prais, hardli eni stamp brót óvur 25 sents. Amuñ ae raritiz wur konsidurd ae 90 sent stamp ov 1851; ae 20 sent. Frenc Rípublik; ae 17 Kanada and ce 2 1-2 Nú Granada. Our ón tréd kom-enst about ten yírz agó bai seliq stamps from a buk in ae P. O. bildiq; wi rekolekt purcasij wun ov ce latur for our ón kolekçun for .25 and rifüsij a kupl mór at ce sém prais. Sendin tu foren kuntriz for stamps or ekscén-jiñ wiä Yúropián dilurz had not bin aót ov, ce suplai dipendiñ entairli upon klurks in foren impórtiñ houzez.

About 9 yírz agó aróz a grét dimand for our lokal stamps tu send tu Yúrup, sum ov aem seliq for tú or ari dolarz, az muc az for eni foren stamp, and ae kounterfitiñ biznez komenst. In aís kuntri it woz konfaind tu aíz, but in Yúrup ól kainds wur ríprodúst; wi bi-kém só suspiçus astur ce furst impo-téun ov Swis forjuriz az tu rifüs a komplít set ov Spén from 1850 tu 1862 ól unyúzd, inklüdiñ Lúzon and Kúba for twenti dolurz.

For several yírz ce biznez woz Kon-sidurd a prikérius wun, at wun taim nírli ól kolekçunz wur sóld and dflurz jeneruli turnd aér atençun tu uáur klasez ov tréd, hwail nou wi nô ov nô sefur investment. Aftur Mr. Béli and ourselvz apírd ce némz ov Mesrz. Brenun, Bóur, Skot and Sampsun ov aís siti, Klain, Mésun & Durbin ov Filadelfia, Télur & Trifet ov Bostun, and Krág of San Fransiskó.

## NOTICE OF AUCTION SALES.

The collection of coins sold by Bangs Apr. 3d. 4th. and 5th. 1870, realized about \$ 2577. The most noticeable lots were. Coin of Panormus electrum \$ 6 75; Silver Greek coins: Metapontum incuse \$ 4 50. Alexander \$ 5; Antiochus I. \$ 5 50; Macedon \$ 5 50. Tarentum \$ 5; Jewish coins: Agrippa \$ 2 50; Judea \$ 2 75; do. \$2 50; Herod \$ 3; Roman gold coins about \$ 7 50 each. Roman silver averaged 25c., one of Nero and Agrippina \$ 7; Otho \$ 2 75, Tiberius \$ 4; Julius Caesar \$ 3 75, Marc Antony and Octavius \$ 3; Roman copper coins: Balbinus \$ 2; Drusus sr. \$ 3 50; Pertinax \$ 4; Pupienus \$ 2 12; Plotina \$ 3; Poppea Sabina \$ 2 12, Tiberius \$ 2 75; Roman as, large \$ 2, Augusta and Agrippina \$ 3 25; Pompey magnus \$ 3. English silver medals: London Art Union \$ 4 50; Charles I. \$ 3 50; Cromwell 7 25; do. \$ 5; Peninsula \$ 8; James III. \$ 4 50.

The early British coins sold quite low, Gold: Henry VI. angel \$ 5; Edward IV. do. \$ 9; Henry VIII. £  $\frac{1}{2}$  \$ 9; Angel \$ 8; Elizabeth £  $\frac{1}{2}$  \$ 10 50; Chas. I. £ 1 \$ 7; Tower do. \$ 11 50; Briars £  $\frac{1}{2}$  \$ 8; William III. £ 5 \$ 30 50; Anne £ 2 \$ 21; George II. £ 5 \$ 27; do. £ 2 \$ 11 25; Geo. III. guinea \$ 6 25; do. ten thalers \$ 9; do. £ 5 \$ 30; do. £ 2 \$ 11 50; Scotch gold: Robert III. St Andrew \$ 6 50; James I. lion \$ 4 25; James III. £  $\frac{1}{2}$  unicorn \$ 3 50; Mary ryal \$ 17; £  $\frac{1}{2}$  do. \$ 12; lion \$ 9 50; £  $\frac{1}{2}$  do. \$ 8 13; James VI. noble \$ 13; do. rider \$ 10; do. \$ 5; Half sword and scepter piece \$ 3 25; William III. Darien pistole \$ 11; James VIII. pattern guinea \$ 10 50; English silver: Sceattae \$ 3 50. 2 specimens of ring money each \$ 2, pennies of Edward I. Ethelred, Canute, Edward the Confessor, Harold II. William the Conqueror and Stephen averaged \$ 2; Edward VI. crown \$ 7 50; £  $\frac{1}{2}$  do. \$ 5; Mary groat \$ 3 28; Newark siege pieces \$ 2 25 ea; Ormond crown \$ 3 50; Cromwell do. \$ 12; £  $\frac{1}{2}$  do. \$ 8; James II. crown \$ 3 50; William IV. crown \$ 3 33; Scotch silver: William the Lion penny \$ 3 63; Alex. III. do. \$ 2 25; Robert Bruce £  $\frac{1}{2}$  do. \$ 2 25; May penny \$ 6; testoon 1558 \$ 4; do. 1562 \$ 12 50; Francis and Mary testoon \$ 5 50; Mary and Henry Darnley do. \$ 7; James VIII. pattern crown \$ 13.

Miscellaneous coins, Gold: Persian mohur \$ 8; £  $\frac{1}{2}$  do. \$ 4 50; Chinese with square hole \$ 7 13; Augsburg confession Jubilee medal 1630 \$ 24; U. S. eagle 1797 very fine \$ 17; silver: 2 scarce rupees each \$ 3; Burmese coin \$ 3; India dollar rupe \$ 3; Mexican dollar 1824 \$ 5 50.

Canadian coins, Silver: Beaver club medal, 1785 \$ 33; Bronze: Shakspeare McGill medal 1864 \$ 9; Victoria bridge do. \$ 3 50; Copper tokens: Leslie and sons two pence \$ 5 50; Side view of Bank of Montreal penny \$ 25; do. £  $\frac{1}{2}$  do. \$ 8; Bank token "£  $\frac{1}{2}$  penny" of the "Un sou" series \$ 11; "Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, Success," with ship \$ 6.

The Collection of Emil Cauffman Esq. of Philada. will be sold by Bangs Merwin & Co. May 3d. and 4th. and contains a very good collection of American pieces.

The curiosities, continental money and coins sold by Bangs, Apr. 8th. brought about \$ 185.



## LIST OF NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

DECCAN. "Post stamp" in curve at top, Persian characters in centre, value below,  $\frac{1}{2}$  anna brown on thin toned paper.

FINLAND. Helsingfors local, upper half red, lower half green, 10 penni.

FRANCE. "Carte de Correspondance" at top, 2 varieties, also a military stamp for Switzerland. Rectangular adhesive "Cie Generale des commissaires Facteurs Parisiens, 'Timbre'" above, "Pacquet" below, value in centre 50c. yellow on white, 1 franc carmine on white.

Fiji ISLANDS. The English magazines give a description of the following. Oblong rect. "Fiji Times Express 1 penny". Black on thin rose tinted paper, roulette.

GREAT BRITAIN. The  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. wrapper is of 3 sizes, with flowers in place of date.

GUATEMALA. "Correos de Guatemala" at top, arms on shield with sun and rays below, 1 centavo lemon, 5 brown, 10 blue, 20 rose.

PORTUGAL. New issue, 50 reis green.

ROUMANIA. Similar to engraving in last No. 5 bani vermilion, 10 yellow, 25 brown. "Diane Periodica" 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  bani blue on yellow.

RUSSIA. Local for Longa. Oval embossed shield, in inscription in white on blue ground 5 kopecks

SARAWAK. The Philatelist notes a new stamp color and paper same as before but with the head of the present rajah to the left.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA. 4d. violet surcharged 3d. in black.

SPAIN. The 25 mils is of a much deeper mauve. No new issue for 1871 has appeared.

SANDWICH Is. Portrait of princess, 1 cent violet; portrait of king 6 green, portrait of Kekua-naoa 18 pink.

ST. DOMINGO.  $\frac{1}{2}$ -UN real, salmon, pelure paper.

TURKEY. A series of stamps of "T. B. Morton & Co." have appeared but of doubtful character.

U. S. Head of Stanton, 7 cents vermilion. Envelopes: small letter size, 1 cent on white and lemon paper; 2 orange on orange: extra large letter size 2 on orange, 3 on lemon & white, note size 3 on white. Official size, 12, 24, 30, on flesh colored paper.

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The following order is observed: 1 No. of days sale, 2 day it commenced, 3 owners name, 4 location, 5 auctioneers name or initials, 6 price of clean catalogues, 7 priced.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1862						
2 Feb. 10	Paul E Fleury	N Y. B M & Co.	1.	1 1/2		
2 Mar. 19	A H Satterlee	"	1.	1.		
2 " 25	J K Wiggin	Phila. W C Cook	1.	1 1/2		
" "	"	"	large paper	2.		
1 " 26	A S Robinson	N Y. B M & Co.	1.	1.		
2 Apr. 17	Geo. B Davis	"	1.	1 1/2		
2 " 22	"	"	2.			
1 " 23	addenda	"	2.			
2 May 8	A H Satterlee	"	1.	1 1/2		
1 " 14	A S Robinson	Boston Leonard	1.			
3 " 26	W A Lilliendahl	N Y. B M & Co.	1.			
1 July 30	Henry Cook	Boston D F Mc G.	1.	1 1/2		
1 Aug. 7	A H Satterlee	N Y. B M & Co.	1.	1.		
1 Sept. 23	"	"	1.	1.		
4 Nov. 11	W E Woodward	"	2.	3.		
" "	"	large paper	3.			
" 28	Young	N Y. B M & Co.	1.	1.		
1 Dec. 16	A H Satterlee	"	1.	1.		
1863.						
1 Jan. 18	Washington	Mc Guire				
4 " 19	B Haines	N Y. B M & Co.	1.	2.		
1 " 26	Hill Washington	Mc Guire				
2 " 29	Bridgeman	N Y. B M & Co.	1.	1.		
1 Feb. 4	"	"	1.	1.		
" "	addenda	"	1.	1.		
1 Mar. 9	A S Hunter	Wash'n. Wall & Co.	2.			
1 " 9	"	N Y. B M & Co.				
" 18	Cincinnati	Hubbard				
3 " 24	H A Smith	N Y. B M & Co.	1.	1 1/2		
1 " 27	Woodward	Providence Sheldon				
2 Apr. 7	Cogan	N Y. B M & Co.	1.	1.		
" "	addenda	"				
1 " 10	Phila. Thomas					
4 " 28	Woodward	N Y. B M & Co.	1 1/2	2.		
" "	"	large paper				
" "	addenda	"				
1 May 1	A S Robinson	" N Y. B M & Co.				
1 " 12	"	"				
3 June 9	Hon. H A Muhlenberg	"	1.	1 1/2		
" "	addenda	"	1.	1 1/2		
" "	A J Harrison	"	1.	1 1/2		
" "	Betts	"	1.	1.		
1 " 18	J M Jewell	"	1.	1.		
" "	"	"	1.	1.		
1 " 23	"	"	2.			
1 " 24	Boston Leonard	2.				
1 Sept. 8	"	N Y. Leeds.	1.			
3 " 15	J P Le. vitts	" B M & Co.	1 1/2	2.		
2 " 22	Geo. F Seavey	"	1.	1 1/2		
" "	"	large paper				
1 Oct. 7	Jackson	"	1.	1.		
" "	addenda	"				
1 Oct. 9	Phila. Thomas & Son					
5 " 20	Woodward	N Y. B M & Co.	2.			
" "	"	large paper				
2 " " " Colburn Col	"	"				
" "	"	large paper				
1 " " " addenda	"	"				
1 " 31	"	Leeds.				
1 Nov. 3	Mary Ann Bacon	Phila. Thomas				
1 " 7	"	N Y. Leeds				
1864.						
3 " 10	Phila. Thomas & Son					
1 " 21	N Y. Leeds		1 1/2	2.		
1 " 24	H Cook	Boston Leonard	1 1/2	2.		
" 25	"	N Y. Leeds.				
" "	C Junzhauns	Cincinnati Hubbard				
1 Dec. 5	N Y. Leeds					
3 " 15	W A Lilliendahl	" B M & Co.	1 1/2	2.		
1 " 23	Woodward	Providence Sheldon	2.			
2 " 24	"	N Y. Leeds	1.	1.		
1 " "	"	"	1.	1.		
2 " 28	"	" B M & Co.	1.	1 1/2		
" "	"	large paper				
1 " 16	"	"				
1 " 20	"	J E Cooley	1.			
1 Feb. 24	Chicago	W A Butters				
1 Mar. 15	Sanitary Fair	Cin. S. G Hubbard	2.			
1 " 17	"	Phila Thomas & Son				
1 " 30	"	"				
1 " 22	"	Woodward Prov. F J Sheldon	1.			
Apr. 4	Sanitary Fair	N Y.	1.			
" 19	H Cook	Boston Mc. Gilvray	1.	1 1/2		
May 2	John Allan	N Y B M & Co.	6.			
" "	"	large paper				
" "	"	addenda	2.			
" 12	"	Boston Leonard	1.			
5 " 17	Mc Coy col.	N Y. Cooley	3.			
" "	"	large paper				
" "	"	addenda	2.			
" 21	"	Betts	2			
" 21	"	Metropolitan Fair	Cooley			
1 June 3	"	N Y. Leeds				
2 " 21	Gen. F Seavey	" B M & Co.	1.	1 1/2		
2 " 29	Cogan	"	1.			
" "	"	addenda	1.			
1 July 13	Boston	G W Beckford	2.			
1 " 27	Geo. Williams	"	2.			
1 Sept. 21	Stevens	Boston Beckford	2.			
Oct. 5	H Cook	" Mc Gilvray	1.			
" 9	"	Phila Thomas & Son				
5 " 18	Woodward	N Y. Cooley	3.			
" "	"	large paper				
1 Nov. 16	Boston	Leonard	1.	1 1/2		
1 " "	"	addenda	"	1.	1 1/2	
1 Dec. 14	"	Beckford	1.	1 1/2		
1 " "	"	supplement	"	1.	1 1/2	
1 " 16-21	Attinelli	N Y. B M & Co.	1.	1 1/2		
3 " 19	W C Prime	"	1.	1 1/2		
" "	"	addenda	"	1 1/2		
1865.						
1 Jan. 10	E M Thomas	Wash'n. Mc Guire				
1 Mar. 6	Chicago	Gilbert & Sampson				
5 " 13	Dr. J R Chilton	N Y. B M & Co.	1 1/2	3.		
" "	"	addenda No 1	"	1. 1 1/2		
" "	"	2 "	"	1. 1 1/2		
6 " 20	Woodward	N Y. Cooley	3.			
" "	"	large paper				
1 " 25	Gointoem	Strong N Y. Cooley	2.			
" 24	"	Phila. Thomas				
Apr. 18	Fowler	Brooklyn Hegeman	1.			
8 May 29	J N T Levick	N Y. B M & Co.	1 1/2			
" "	"	large paper				
" "	"	supplement	"	1.		
" "	"	large paper				



The above illustrations represent two stamps now but little known to collectors. The one at the right is one of a series issued by the various fairs got up for the relief of wounded soldiers during the rebellion which comprise the following:

ALBANY. Bazaar P. O. eagle large size, 10c. red, 10 blue; small size, 10 red 10 blue.

BOSTON. National sailors fair, sailor 10c. green.

BROOKLYN. Sanitary fair (10 cents) eagle green.

PHILADELPHIA. Central fair, eagle 10c. green,

20 blue, 30 black.

SPRINGFIELD. Soldiers fair, soldiers, 10c. lilac.

There are also two varieties of the Young ladies of Brooklyn 5 and 10 cents, and the Stamford soldiers fair 15 cents, also one from Indiana which are doubtful.

The Fair post offices were carried on by a parcel of girls who stuffed envelopes with poetical effusions and other nonsense, which were duly superscribed (behind the scenes) with the address of the applicant and a stamp affixed, the value representing the cost of the letter. The Brooklyn stamps were only in use about a week in Sept. 1864, and were printed in sheets of fifty. After diligent enquiry we have succeeded in obtaining 33 specimens, but the existence of the plate is very doubtful.

The illustration at the left is from a stamp we obtained in an old collection made up by a prominent lawyer of New Haven about eight years ago, which was stolen from him within a year and sold to us. The book containing his address we applied to him for information about the New Haven stamp, which is a rather indistinct impression printed in red, with the signature of the P. M. in purple ink. The collection also contained one of the Brooklyn fair stamps, a genuine Mobile, and about two hundred other old issues.

The owner was quite surprised at our letter as he had not seen the collection for several years and supposed it lay in some old chest, but upon our returning it, presented us with the stamp in question. After diligent enquiry we find that this stamp was issued by Mr. E. A. Mitchell who was postmaster of the city of New Haven from 1844 to 1850. When he took the office the rates of postage were 6, 10, 12½ and 25 cents for single letters according to distance, no prepayment being required. The rates were afterwards reduced to 10 and 5 cents, according to distance, and subsequently to 5 cents uniform for all distances, the weight not exceeding one quarter ounce and prepayment required.

At this period envelopes began to come in use, and as prepayment of postage could only be made at the office during business hours, Mr. Mitchell took the responsibility of issuing envelopes

stamped as above with his signature on each and selling them at the cost of envelopes and postage as an accommodation; some of the post offices refused to recognize them and reported the facts to the department. As however, the stamps could only be used at the New Haven office and were sent as prepaid matter, properly entered on the New Haven post bill, there could be no loss to the government, and the department taking a liberal view of the subject, authorised their continuance. They were intended merely as an accommodation to the citizens, and in the absence of any government stamps they were much appreciated. There is no doubt that the adoption of stamps by our government was much hastened by the issue of these prepaid envelopes, and it can truly be said that they were the first stamps issued by the United States.

Mr. Mitchell is still in possession of the original plate, and has kindly furnished us with re- impressions printed in blue ink on thicker paper, endorsed "copy" but we hardly think another original envelope stamp can be found. If so we will pay the finder a good price for it.

#### WASHINGTON LETTER.

Now in the collection of D. M. Collins No. 33 Clarkson st. N. Y. City.

Cambridge 27th. March 1776.

My Lord

I crave your refferance to my last to you of the 24 instant, since which I am honored with your lordships favor of the 20th; it gives me much pleasure to find that you are making such good preparations for the reception of the enemy, who have this day entirely quitted this harbour; a Brigade under Genl. Sullivan will set off on the morrow to your assistance, I will not be long after with the main body of the army. I observe that Brigadier Genl. Thompson has arrived, he is a gentleman of liberal sentiments who I dare say your lordship will be happy with. I have not the least doubt but you will give him every assistance in your power. I have the honor to be with great regard, my lord

Your lordsh:ps most h. st.

Geo. Washington.

Lord Stirling.

P. S. Genl. Putnam will set out to morrow or next day, if Genl. Schuyler is not with you, he will take the command of the troops.

There was a small sale of coins at Leavitts April 21st. which brought about \$ 150.

#### NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

Our city business which has heretofore been conducted at No. 28 John st. will be continued from May 1st. at No. 33 Nassau st. first floor, which we consider a more desirable locality being within a block of the Post Office which is now the business centre of the city. We intend to keep a supply of all kinds of curiosities, and make it a favorite resort for Postage stamp and Coin collectors and Antiquarians generally. Our P. O. address will be the same. Box 4614, N. Y. City,